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Imprisoned Swede Claims He Spied For U.S. as Well as for Soviet Union

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28 (AP) — Stig Wennerstrom, the former Swedish air force colonel serving a life term for espionage here, maintained he spied for the Americans, too—and let his Soviet masters pay the costs.

The colonel said he did this during his service as an air attache in Moscow in the late 1940s, according to interrogation records released by the Swedish authorities today.

Wennerstrom said he helped the Americans because the U.S. attaches' travel within the Soviet Union was restricted. He was asked to try to get on a plane between Moscow and Sverdlovsk in the Urals, which the Americans had heard touched down at an airfield they were interested in, he said.

According to the records, Wennerstrom said he succeeded in getting on the plane and later reported on the airfield to the Americans.

The former colonel asserted that he turned down all offers

of pay for this service. He said, however, he paid for the flight in Russian rubles he had received from the Soviet intelligence.

Wennerstrom also said during the interrogations that during a "vacation trip" to Caucasus he collected data on a new Soviet plane which often passed through that area. He delivered this material to U.S. agents. This time, too, the Russians unknowingly paid the costs, he asserted.

Wennerstrom, however, stressed that the main part of his spying was done for the Russians, both in Moscow and Washington where he served at the Swedish embassy. He tried to get hold of a "little black book" kept by a U.S. general and later contributed to the Russian theft of an important map of Strategic Air Command targets, he said.

Wennerstrom said he was led to spy first by chance and curiosity.

"I did not want to accept

money from the Americans, as I found it unnecessary to complicate my relations," Wennerstrom said.